

Lesson 9:

Called to Serve

God's Truth

God has prepared good works for my life.

Vocabulary



- ◆ **Serve:** to use one's ability to work in an effort to meet the needs of others
- ◆ **Brainstorm:** using uninhibited thinking to generate potential solutions to a problem

On the Sabbath we went a little way outside the city to a riverbank, where we thought people would be meeting for prayer, and we sat down to speak with some women who had gathered there. One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshipped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. She and her household were baptised, and she asked us to be her guests. "If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my home." And she urged us until we agreed. [Acts 16:13-15](#)

Group Discussion:

- What are some of the problems we see in our community, school, or church?
- Of all the problems stated above, which ONE could we solve together using the skills and talents God has given each of us?

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him for ever and ever! Amen. [1 Peter 4:10-11](#)

Activity: Project Brainstorm

Use the box below to make a list of potential project ideas that you have in mind. Your project idea should tie in with the problem that you have already identified. Consider sharing your ideas with a fellow classmate or your teacher for further brainstorming.

The problem our group identified was:

Our project idea is:

Need help with project ideas? Here are a few to get you thinking:

- Start a reading and tutoring program with younger students
- Pick up trash in the area your class is meeting
- Help organise a space that is cluttered where your class is meeting
- Paint a wall in the area where your class is meeting
- Create a recipe book

Next Steps/Life Work

You may already be thinking about an idea for a solution to a problem you have observed. How do you turn that idea into reality?

There are two approaches to consider: First, solution-oriented, which starts with the problem you want to solve, and second, audience-oriented, which starts with the audience you want to serve. Your idea can start with either, but it needs to have both. For instance, you may know that local food reserves often struggle to provide fresh fruits and vegetables. This is the problem you are trying to solve. Your solution may be to create a community garden run by volunteers that provides fresh vegetables to local food banks. This is the audience you want to serve.

The other approach would be that you have a burden for single moms. This is your audience. By observing and listening, you find out that single moms want to attend weekly Bible studies but cannot find or afford childcare. This is the problem you want to solve and those you want to serve in your community.

How might you find a solution to help and serve these single mothers well? Write your thoughts below.
